transmission network in border areas. The details are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 51]

Corruption in Doordarshan

1908. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rampant corruption in deciding the programmes of Doordarshan Channels;

(b) if so, the reasons and remethes therefor; and

(c) how does Government plan to make transmission of Doordarshan programmes with better clarity in pictures and better sound?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Some complaints of corruption have come to the notice of the Government and all such complaints are examined thoroughly. Also, the areas of activities of Doordarshan prone to corruption have been identified and orders have been issued streamlining the procedures involved in processing the serials/programmes/events etc.

(c) Doordarshan, every year, depending upon availability of resources, take up schemes for renewal, replacement and modernisation of equipments in order to improve quality of signals for better reception by the viewers.

Proposal for Sanskrit Programmes on Doordarshan

1909. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFOR MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has taken any initiative to promote the Sanskrit language in its Millennium programming for the coming years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the proposals for Sanskrit programmes received by Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati have intimated that due consideration has been given to promote Sanskrit language in Millennium programme schedule of Doordarshan. In this regard, two proposals for programmes on Sanskrit have also been received. In the 24 hour Millennium Show on 31st December, 1999, there will be some segments of Sanskrit shlokas. Films like 'Kalchkra' and 'The Indian Mind' will also dwell on the Sanskrit language.

Rules/Procedures for Promotion in Subordinate Offices

†1910. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some proceduresiules for promotion in subordinate offices of the Ministry, alongwith the details thereof;

(b) whether these proceduresiules are properly implemented; and

(c) if so, the reasons for promoting other officials neglecting the employees of Prasar Bharati subordinate programme service cadre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Promotions to various posts in the subordinate offices of this Ministry are made on the basis of recruitment rules prescribed for the posts and on the basis of instructions issued by DOP&T and UPSC from time to time. These instructions are strictly followed while making promotions.

(c) No such case has been reported.

Doordarshan Channels on National Network

1911. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan channels on national network;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.